

Amendments to the Claims

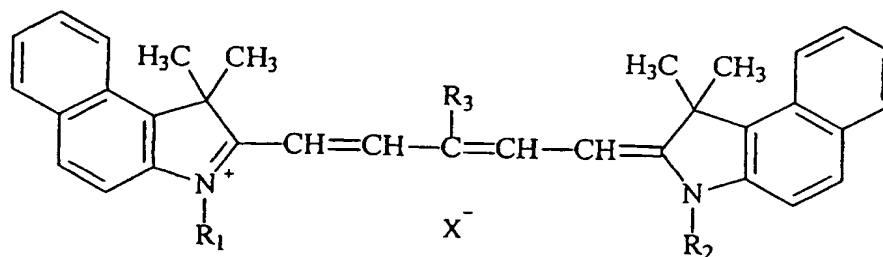
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium for improved accurate high-speed writing, comprising a cyanine dye with a solubility of over 12 mg/ml in 2,2,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-propanol (TFP) ~~and a light resistant improver of said cyanine dye, said light resistant improver being a member selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, nitrosoaniline, nitrosophenol, nitrosenaphthol, 4 nitroso 4'-dimethylamino diphenylamine, tetracyanoquinodimethane compounds, diimmonium salts and nitroso compounds comprising a phenylpyridylamine skeleton, wherein the molar ratio of said light resistant improver to said cyanine dye is 0.01 to 5,~~ said cyanine dye being represented by Formula 1:

Formula 1:



wherein Formula 1, R_1 denotes a methyl or ethyl group; R_2 differs from R_1 and denotes a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group, with the proviso that R_2 does not include CH_3 , C_2H_5 and straight-chain alkyl groups of C_3H_7 , C_5H_7 and C_5H_{11} ; R_3 is a hydrogen atom or a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogens and lower-alkyl groups; and X^- denotes an inorganic ion comprising fluorine and either phosphorous or antimony.

14. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 13, wherein said metal complexes are bis([2'-chloro-3-methoxy-4-(2-methoxyethoxy)dithiobenzyl] nickel and formazan metal complexes.

15. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 13, which is sensitive to a laser beam with a wavelength of around 780 nm.

16. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 13, which records information using a laser beam with a wavelength of around 780 nm.